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TITLE: PERMANENT MAGNETIC LIQUID TREATING DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In conjunction with the filing of the present application, and prior to an initial Official Action on this matter, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please note that the following amendments apply to the attached specification and claims labeled for U.S. filing. This combined application incorporates the original application and any annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report in the proper order, including any correct original and substitute pages, claims and drawing sheets.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In Paragraph [0002], please substitute the paragraph as follows:

A permanent magnetic liquid treating device of this kind is known by German Patent No. DE 195 32 357 A1 and this document forms the basis of the pre-characterizing part of claim 1. Such devices, which are also known from other patent documents, are used especially for the magnetic treatment of water in order to avoid the formation of lime deposits at the inner wall of pipes and tanks by causing that the calcium carbonate which is dissolved in the water is deposited not at the walls but in the form of separable fine particles.

In Paragraph [0007], please substitute the paragraph as follows:

Further features and advantages of the invention will become apparent by the following description of an embodiment, by way of example, and without limitation, referring to the attached drawings.